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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Anthony Owens, DOB: 9/14/1977, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, was sentenced on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 by Chief U.S. District Barbara B. Crabb to 54 months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

La Crosse police officers found Owens in possession of a Smith and Wesson .357 revolver when they responded to a domestic disturbance complaint at 1707 Winnebago Street in La Crosse. Owens admitted that he had purchased the gun and had it in his possession with the intention of selling it.

The charge against Anthony Owens was the result of an investigation conducted by the La Crosse Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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